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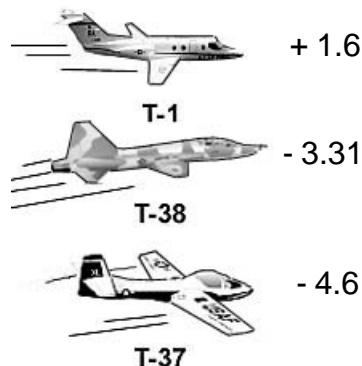
John L. Levitow, the lowest ranking airman to earn the medal of honor, died Wednesday following a long bout with cancer.

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### Mission status

(As of Nov. 8)

Days ahead(+) or behind(-)



#### Fiscal Year 2001 statistics

--Sorties flown: 6,423  
--Hours flown: 9,712.3  
--Pilot wings earned in FY 01: 23  
--Wings earned since 1963: 11,731

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## Wing gets new command chief

By Staff Sgt.  
Reginal Woodruff

Public Affairs

Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Enyeart became the new 47th Flying Training Wing command chief master sergeant here Nov. 1, succeeding Chief Master Sgt. Randy Crist who retired.

Enyeart had served his previous two years at Laughlin as Mission Systems Flight chief in the 47th Communications Squadron.

A career-long communications troop, Enyeart entered the military in November 1975. After completion of basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and subsequent technical training at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., he reported to the Air Ground Operations School at Hurlburt Field, Fla. as an ground radio technician. Since then, he has served in a variety of assignments worldwide, performing in virtually every aspect of his specialty.

The new wing command chief acts as personal adviser to the wing commander on all matters concerning the welfare, health, morale, proper utilization and progress of over 500 assigned enlisted personnel. He communicates with the commander on problems, concerns, morale and attitudes of the enlisted force and, in turn, ensures the commander's policies are known and understood by the enlisted force.

Enyeart has the endorsement of his predecessor and his new boss. In several speaking engagements, Crist praised

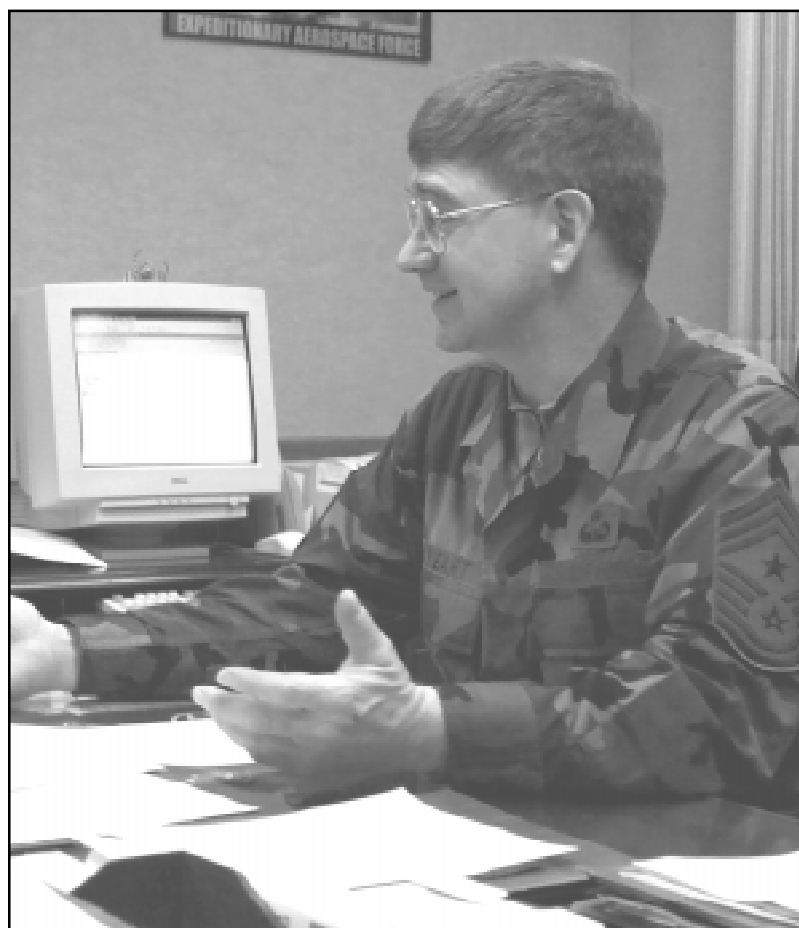


Photo by Staff Sgt. Reginal Woodruff

Enyeart briefs a newly assigned airman about Laughlin, the local community and his role in ensuring her assignment is both productive and enjoyable.

Enyeart for his strong character and commitment to the Air Force and the enlisted corps.

"When you leave a place, you often worry if the person who replaces you will care as much," said Crist during his retirement speech. "I know I'm leaving the enlisted folks here at Laughlin in good hands; Chief Enyeart will do as good a job or better than I did."

"Chief Crist leaves some pretty big shoes to fill," said Col. Winfield Scott, 47th Flying Training Wing commander. "I have no doubt Chief Enyeart is the

right person for this demanding position. Chief Enyeart understands the needs of our enlisted people and has served in our Air Force for 25 years to make conditions better for our airmen. As command chief, his voice, the voice of Laughlin's enlisted corps, will now be heard here and at the highest levels of Air Force leadership."

Enyeart earned an associate degree in radio communications technology through the Community College of the Air Force and is a graduate of the Navy Senior Enlisted Academy.

## Recycling saves money, environment

By Pat Wood

47th Civil Engineer Squadron

There are definite benefits to recycling, both economic and environmental, and on Wednesday, America takes a day to recognize this growing program.

During the past fiscal year, the Laughlin recycling program avoided over \$147,000 in municipal waste costs by diverting recyclable trash away from landfills. This reflects the participation of everyone here and earned the base the 2000 Texas Environmental Excellence State Recycling Communities Partnership Award.

Recycling is part of a larger approach, and one of the three R's in reduce, reuse and recycle. This approach attacks solid waste from different angles, all with the goal of averting trash going to the municipal landfill. Source reduction, often called waste prevention, means consuming and throwing away less. Source reduction includes buying durable, long-lasting goods and seeking products and packaging that are as free of toxins as possible. Because source reduction actually prevents the generation of waste in the first place, it is the most preferable method of waste management and goes a long way toward protecting the environment. Reusing items by repairing them, donating them to charity and community groups, or reselling them also reduces

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Saturday marks the 46th observance of Veterans Day. Laughlin and Del Rio veterans organizations will commemorate this day with a parade at 11 a.m. and a ceremony at 12:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. Col. Scott is scheduled to speak at the ceremony.

# Commanders Corner

## Happiness—enjoying what you have

By Lt. Col. Chris Lane

87th Flying Training Squadron commander

In the late 1980's, I was a captain stationed at George Air Force Base, Calif. flying the venerable F-4 Phantom II—a supersonic, two-seat, multi-role fighter that's no longer used in the active force.

At that time pilot retention was critically low, and like today, eligible pilots were leaving the Air Force in large numbers for the airlines. In an effort to retain qualified pilots, the Air Force instituted the first pilot bonus program. It was controversial from the day it was announced. One of the weapons system officers told me he had the answer to pilot retention, and it wasn't the bonus. Speaking of the Air Force he said, "If you let me go to pilot training and be a pilot, I'll give the Air Force 20 years of service—and you won't have to pay me a dime of bonus." Most WSOs in the squadron felt the same way.

Later that day, I talked to our intelligence officer. He said, "If you let me go to navigational school and allow me to fly in the back of an F-4, I'll give you 20 years of service." He wanted to fly fast, drop bombs, shoot missiles and see the world.

I then talked to one of the fine enlisted troops in our squadron. She said, "If you let me go to Officer Training School and get a commission as an officer in the Air Force, I'll give you 20 years of service."

So, what was going on? Why was everyone except the pilots willing to commit themselves to 20 years of service to get a better deal? Meanwhile, the pilots—the members at the top of this mini "food chain"—were getting out in record numbers. I think the simple answer is, "The grass is always greener..." As long as folks think they are advancing in their careers, getting promoted, and making more money, they're satisfied. If they think there's a better deal somewhere out there, they want it, and they think they'll be happy if they get it. In reality, most are left wanting for more even after they get to

their destination. I believe it's simple human nature.

Consider the person who buys a new car. Five or six years later he pays off the car, and immediately starts looking at the newest models. That new pickup or sport utility vehicle sure looks nice, and the old car is paid off. So he goes into debt again and buys a new car even though the old car is still a perfectly functional and useful vehicle. Why—because he wants something new and better. The same principle occurs with furniture, clothing, computers, houses, girlfriends/boyfriends, jobs...just about everything. I think the key is learn to be happy with what you have.

How many of us can't wait until the next major event in our lives happens? It starts out when we are kids. We can't wait until Spring or Summer Break. Then we can't wait until graduation, until the end of our tour at Laughlin, until the end of our commitment to the Air Force, or until retirement. Before we know it, we're there. We've separated and look back on all of the time we missed. We didn't enjoy the times we had because we were anxious for better times.

How many of us work too hard, spending long hours at work forsaking the family? Many of our enlisted work two jobs trying to make ends meet. Some of us save leave year after year so we can retire or separate with a measly 60+ days of terminal leave. Why? Is it really worth the price of missed vacation time we and our families pay over the years?

How many of us take friends and family for granted? Before we know it, a loved one passes away and we wish we had spent more time at home or called more often.

We are all blessed with wonderful things. We live in freedom in the world's wealthiest nation. Take time to enjoy life. Life really is good. Appreciate your spouse and your family. Appreciate the gifts in your life and where those gifts come from. Be happy instead of envious. It is a far better way to go through life.

## Drinking, driving leads to dead end

Capt. Karen L. Deimler

Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

A few years ago, a sergeant drank at least two beers, a couple ounces of whiskey, test drove a fancy sports car, and became a killer. This is his story:

The sergeant went to a birthday party with a case of beer under his arm. He drank at least two beers followed by whiskey. He danced, had a good time, felt festive, and was confident. He was admiring a co-worker's awesome black car. The owner, thinking he was being a friend, offered to let the sergeant test drive the car. The sergeant's co-worker, friend and subordinate accompanied him for the test drive. The sergeant was euphoric — for almost 60 seconds.

That's the time it took him to start the car, drive off at more than 60 mph, blow through a stop sign, step on the brakes, slam into a boulder, inflate the dual air bags, flip the car over onto the passenger's side, skid through a child's swing set, eject the sunroof, crash into an occupied house, and crush his friend's head against the house foundation.

The sergeant was trapped inside the car with his dead companion. The treating paramedic smelled the alcohol on the sergeant, who was shrieking in pain and fear. After he was extracted from the wreckage, he was air-evacuated to a nearby medical center. His blood alcohol content was .09. The airman first class was dead.

The sergeant pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter. The airman's mother flew in from Nevada to testify how much she loved and missed her son, but when her turn came to talk, she was crying so hard she could not speak. His stepfather testified instead.

He said the airman was the best son he could ever have, even better than his natural children. He was his mother's joy. At his funeral, his mother received a posthumous medal and the flag from his casket. He was buried at a veteran's cemetery outside Las Vegas, and his parents visit the grave at least once a week. Their house has a memorial to him on the upstairs landing — his Air Force picture, flowers, fruit and a flag to attest to the loss of their son. They chose the landing because it was open to the rest of the house, and their son could be everywhere with them. Not a day has gone by that his mother has not cried — her wounds will never heal.

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# Thunderstorms blast Kelly Air Force Base

By Karen Edge

San Antonio Air Logistics Center Public Affairs

**F**erocious winds gusting up to 59 miles per hour tore through Kelly Air Force Base, Texas Sunday, doing severe damage to base property. Two buildings were completely demolished, at least 12 buildings were damaged and many trees were uprooted or split in half by the winds.

Building 1564/1565, a combined warehouse, received the most noticeable damage when the wind gusts blew their way in and forced new ways out. The windows were shattered and walls toppled.

Inside were all the turned-in office supplies, including computers, lumber, office furniture and more. These items were being stored as part of the base's closure and realignment preparations. The torrential rains accompanying the winds then soaked everything housed in the building.

A dollar estimate has yet to be calculated for the building, but base officials are compiling information.

There was speculation around the base that a tornado had done the damage. But reinforcing the 59-mph wind gusts, Kelly's weather control center said no tornadoes reg-

istered on its radar.

"We have a weather radar that uses algorithm to calculate winds based on how close they are together going in opposite directions – a speed couplet, that will alert us to a tornado," said Master Sgt. Greg Bond. "The winds came from one consistent direction – straight from the west. If you look at the way the debris and trees fell, you will see everything ended up in an easterly pattern. A tornado would not leave debris in such a consistent, straight line."

Staff Sgt. Edward Puttbrease was working in the weather center during the storm and said it was "awesome."

"Our radar rarely misses a tornado. Sometimes it says we have one when we don't because it is so sensitive, but the percentage of not calculating a tornado is too small," Puttbrease said. "We had what is called a microburst. A microburst results when a storm loses all its mass and dumps all its water at once."

Puttbrease said that once the storm loses all its mass it creates a huge downdraft of wind, and the only place it can go is to the ground and it can only go in one direction. This is what weather center officials said happened.

"We are 99.9 percent sure that we did not have any



Photo by Col. David Beecroft

Ferocious winds gusting up to 59 mph tore through Kelly causing severe damage to base property. A combined warehouse received the most damage when the wind gusts shattered windows and toppled walls.

tornadoes on base last night," Bond said.

Several trees were downed in Billy Mitchell Village, Kelly's enlisted housing area, but only minor damage was

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## Air Force announces Thrift Savings Plan open season

The next open season for the Thrift Savings Plan runs Wednesday through Jan. 31. During this time, eligible employees can elect to contribute to TSP or make changes to their current contributions.

TSP is a voluntary retirement savings and investment plan for federal civilian employees. Two of the main features of TSP are before-tax savings and tax-deferred earnings.

"This means the contributions you make to TSP come out of your pay before taxes and the earnings made on your TSP account are not taxed until you receive the

money," said Christine Watkins, employee relations specialist for the Benefits and Entitlements Service Team. "Other features of the plan include a choice of investment options, interfund transfers, loans from your own contributions and earnings, in-service withdrawals and portable benefits if you leave federal service."

Watkins explained contribution limits set by the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board are based upon an employee's retirement system.

"Employees covered by the Federal Employees' Retirement System can contrib-

ute up to 10 percent of their basic pay each pay period and the government will provide matching funds up to 4 percent," Watkins said. "In addition, the government will contribute an automatic 1 percent of the employees basic pay to their account each pay period whether they contribute or not. This brings the maximum government contribution to 5 percent.

"Employees covered by the Civil Service Retirement System can contribute up to 5 percent of their basic pay each pay period, but do not receive any agency contributions," Watkins said. "However, they

do benefit from the tax savings and the tax deferred earnings."

All TSP participants can choose to invest any portion of their TSP account in one or more of the three TSP funds: the Government Securities Investment (G) Fund, the Common Stock Index Investment (C) Fund, and the Fixed Income Index Investment (F) Fund. The S-Small Capitalization Index Fund and the I-International Stock Index Fund will not be available until May.

Information on these funds can be found at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/)

(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

### Actionline

Call 298-5351

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If

you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the *Border Eagle*. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.



W. W. Scott III  
**Col. Winfield W. Scott III**  
47th Flying Training Wing commander

AAFES	298-3176
Accounting and Finance	298-5204
Civil Engineer	298-5252
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Commissary	298-5815
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Military Personnel	298-5073
Public Affairs	298-5988
Security Forces	298-5900
Services	298-5810
Equal Opportunity	298-5400
FWA hotline	298-4170

**C**all: I am calling about the heat in the dorms again. They say that it is supposed to warm back up, but it hasn't. It is still raining and wet outside and the dorms are still cold. If you could possibly get the heat back on, I would rather be hot than cold and get pneumonia or just sick. Thank you.

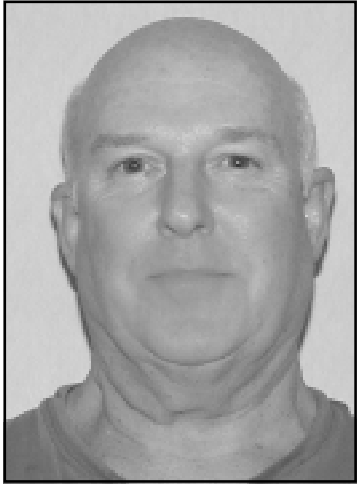
**R**esponse: Thank you for your concern regarding the temperatures in the dormitories during the recent cold snap. The reason the heat was not turned on is that the system requires approximately three days to convert from air conditioning to heat and an additional three days to convert it back. The heating and

air conditioning system is old and was built with only one pipe to circulate water throughout the dormitories. When the air conditioning is on, the water temperature is about 43 degrees. Before we can turn on the boilers, the water must be allowed to warm up or the cold water could crack the boiler. By the time we could have

turned on the heat, the weather front that drastically dropped the temperature would have been gone and the temperatures would be back to normal. During the change over period there would be neither heat nor air conditioning. Normally the heat is on by late November.

## Question of the week

### Should electoral votes or popular votes determine the Presidential race in future elections?



"Electoral votes. The founding fathers had reasons for deciding it that way and those reasons are still valid today."

**Maj. Phillip Scheller**  
*87th Flying Training Wing*



"Popular vote. Because the popular vote speaks for what the majority of the nation wants."

**Airman Kwanza Gholson**  
*84th FTW*



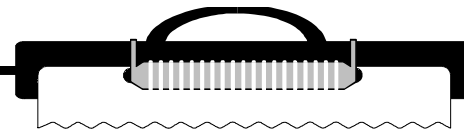
"I think they are both good because electoral votes keep people who do not take voting seriously from running the country. But there are also a lot of people who take the election seriously and look into both candidates, so popular votes are good for that reason."

**Joey Mills**  
*Family member*



"Electoral votes. It was designed to give power to the state and in fact protect smaller states. By removing it the smaller states would not be heard."

**Jennifer Seaburg**  
*Family Member*



## From the Blotter

(Nov. 1-6)



■ The law enforcement desk received notification that an airman had allegedly assaulted another airman. The individual was transported to the security forces desk and after questioning was released to the First Sergeant.

■ The law enforcement desk was notified of an unsecured facility. After an investigation by police units, the custodian was recalled, conducted a walk through and secured the facility.

■ An alarm was activated at the base clinic. After securing the area, it was determined the alarm was caused by a malfunction.

■ An individual notified the law enforcement

desk that she was receiving harassing phone calls from an unknown caller. No suspects are identified at this time.

**Tip of the day:** Waiting to report an incident or stolen items only hinders the investigative process. The Security Forces Law Enforcement desk is open 24 hrs a day and there is an investigator on call at all times. Do not wait to see if items return on their own, report them missing as soon as possible.

## Chapel Schedule

### Catholic

-Daily Mass Monday/ Thursday, 12:05 p.m. Tuesday/ Wednesday, 6:30 a.m.

-Saturday Vigil Mass 5 p.m.

-Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

-Confession 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, or by appointment.

-Choir 6 p.m. Thursdays.

-Sunday school 11 a.m., religious education building.

### Protestant

-General worship 11 a.m.

### Chapel Youth Group

-Thursday, 7 p.m. Chapel Fellowship Hall.

### Religious education

-Little Rock Scripture Study in

Chapel Fellowship Hall,

Sunday, 11 a.m.

### Jewish

Max Stool

219 West Strickland St.

Del Rio, Texas

Phone: 775-4519

*For more information on chapel events and services, call 5111.*



# Laughlin, Air Force support Great American Smokeout

Anyone who has ever quit smoking may tell you that it was the hardest thing they've ever done. They may also tell you that is the smartest thing they've ever done. Smokers may also tell you that they would do anything to prevent their children from smoking and being held hostage to tobacco addiction.

The reality, however, is that children who have parents that smoke are more likely to start smoking themselves.

Every day, 3,000 young people between the ages of 12 to 17 become regular smokers. The best way to influence your children from becoming one of these statistics is to become a good role model by quitting now. Why not set a date?

This year, more than seven out of every 10 smokers will attempt to quit. The greatest challenge for these people won't be deciding to quit, but actually being able to do it.

Dr. J. Jarrett Clinton, acting assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, cites participation in the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout as a great step in attaining that goal. The first step in quitting is to prepare to quit. This means picking a day. Why not the Great American Smokeout when millions of other Americans quit?

The Department of Defense is urging all

servicemembers, civilian employees and their families who smoke or use tobacco products to participate in the Smokeout on Thursday.

According to Dr. Clinton, the next step in quitting includes selecting a method to quit. "Your medical service providers can help you choose the program that is right for you," said Clinton. "We

want everyone to know that if you want to quit, there are people and programs available to help you succeed."

Don't delay the decision to quit. Smoking is an issue that affects the health of everyone in the family, not just the smoker. Too often, it is the family of the smoker that suffers the effects of second hand smoke. Lung and nasal sinus cancer, heart disease and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome have all been linked to the effects of second hand smoke.

The good news is the benefits of quitting smoking are immediate, for the smoker and everyone

around. These include risk reduction for major diseases including coronary heart disease and cardiovascular disease.

Once you have picked the day to quit, and enlisted the assistance of your health care provider in selecting the method, it is time to do it. What better reason than the health of yourself and your family to mark Thursday as the day to stop smoking and begin living tobacco free?

*"This year, more than seven out of every 10 smokers will attempt to quit. The greatest challenge for these people won't be deciding to quit, but actually being able to do it."*

## Conference to be held for young generations

By Ch (Maj.)

**Frank M. Hamilton**

*Base chapel*

We have probably heard the terms, "Baby boomer", "Gen X" and "Generation Y." These sociological terms describe people according to the years in which they were born. We currently have these three generations represented on this base. In the same way that parents sometimes have trouble understanding their children, there can be some real struggle as our higher ranks and lower ranks

try to understand one another.

For over 17 years, the military community has invited Dr. John Zimmerman to brief admirals and generals on the phenomena of generational understanding and harmony.

In addition to being a Navy Reserve Chaplain, Dr. Zimmerman has been a semi-nary and college professor teaching and lecturing in this area of study.

We have the opportunity to hear him next week. Please make every effort to support this conference by your pres-

ence – but also by allowing your subordinates to attend:

### Monday

Fiesta Center

8:30 – 11 a.m.

Colonel – Captain

1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Chief master sergeant – E-6

### Tuesday

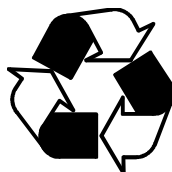
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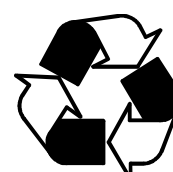
For down town clergy

1 – 4 p.m.

Lieutenants, E-5 and below



# Recycle...



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waste. Use a product more than once, either for the same purpose or for a different purpose.

More than 35 percent of Laughlin’s trash was diverted from landfills, putting Laughlin within striking distance of the Air Force goal of 40 percent by 2005.

Wednesday the base will observe recycle day with a display in the BX mall area featuring samples of recycled items. Also, everyone will have an opportunity to enter a free drawing for prizes, including an American Green Dream House.

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The sergeant testified how sorry he was. He apologized to the court, to his friend’s parents, his own mother, and his wife. He admitted his guilt, his remorse, his sorrow. Nobody who looked at him would say, “He looks like a killer.” He was sentenced to 18 months in prison, a bad conduct discharge, reduction to the lowest rank, and total forfeiture of all pay and allowances. He was taken off to jail in chains.

The sergeant was just a guy who worked at finance. He is, in many ways better than the average person. He’s in the prime of his life at age 27. If anyone could have handled their liquor and driven after a few drinks, it would have been him. But the truth is, nobody, no matter how tall, big, strong, old, young, or smart they are can drive a car

after drinking any alcohol.

One of the officers explained that he was not surprised that the sergeant’s blood alcohol was .09. He said that at .09, the driver feels “relaxed, happy, and invincible.” This is the most dangerous time, because the driver thinks he or she is still okay to drive because they aren’t slurring their words or stumbling.

The tenant who was renting the house that the sergeant crashed into was evicted – it seems the house is not economically repairable. People began to call me to tell me of their losses and express their desire to stiffen drunk driving penalties. Their anguish is so heavy I could feel the weight over the phone. The airman’s parents are forever with their pain. The sergeant is in jail and his family will soon be facing overwhelming debts. The insurance carrier, the owner of the wrecked house, the city, the helicopter, and the medical center all have a right to repayment of their expenses. But doesn’t the military cover the health care costs? No, the sergeant was not in the line of duty.

Some young people think that drinking alcohol is a sign of maturity. Getting so drunk that you lose control, vomit, or slur your words are the signs of a fool. The sergeant probably did not feel mature when he was trapped in the car with his dead friend. He was frightened, hurt and in anguish.

I issue you a challenge. Before you have even one drink, make sure you have a sober ride home, a place to sleep, or cab

# Air Force Aid Society helps members facing hardships

By Tech. Sgt. Amy Urban  
*Family Support Center*

Established in 1942, the Air Force Aid Society is the official charity of the Air Force. In response to General Henry Arnold’s concern that members of his Army Air Forces faced unique hardships of World War II, he wanted a national organization which could provide emergency assistance to family members of war victims and assure the availability of educational assistance to those families.

Today, the AFAS has expanded into a worldwide emergency assistance network assisting countless members of the Air Force community. Its charter is to promote the Air Force Mission by helping “to relieve the distress of Air Force members and their families and assist in financial aspects of their education.”

The Air Force recognizes the value of AFAS services and resources, and supports AFAS activities with manpower, office space and communication. AFI 36-3109 (Oct. 1 1995) establishes requirements for the operation and administration of the AFAS.

The basic philosophy of AFAS assistance is to meet immediate needs in an emergency situation as a step toward a lasting solution to a problem.

AFAS is always available to assist in times of emergency, moving expenses, essential transportation and many other sce-

narios.

A brief explanation about the programs offered by the AFAS is listed below:

**Interest Free loans/grants** for emergencies such as funeral expenses, dental expenses not covered by Air Force, basic living expenses, travel expenses, vehicle repair and disaster relief. One on one counseling is conducted and a simple application form is filled out. AFAS Headquarters may be contacted for further approval if extenuating circumstances exist. If AFAS criteria can’t be met, a referral to an appropriate helping agency will be made. The loan is repaid through an allotment over a reasonable time period.

**Car Care Because We Care** offers any active duty member going TDY for 30 days or more and a spouse of a member who is on a remote assignment a free safety check and oil/filter change. This is also given to First Term airmen attending the First Term Airmen Course and E-4s and below who attend the Personnel Financial Management Program.

**Moving Assistance Program** assists with moving expenses through an interest free loan above what is paid through the Air Force.

**Child Care for Volunteers** enhances and expands participation of Laughlin’s volunteers by paying their childcare during the

time they are volunteering. The Family Day Care and Volunteer Coordinators and certified home day care providers work together on this.

**Give Parents a Break** offers eligible parents a few hours break from the stresses of parenting. AFAS will pay the Child Development Center for services provided.

**Child Care for PCS Program** targets E-5s and below. Up to 20 hours childcare (per child) for families PCSing within

30 days of departure or arrival. Certified Family Care providers are to be used (NOT the Child Development Center) for this program.

**General Henry Arnold Educational Grant** is for tuition, books and fees. Competitive in nature, award selection is based on criteria such as enrollment status, GPA and demonstrated need. Applications are accepted 1 Nov - 24 Mar every year.

**Phone Home Program** (new) provides prepaid calling cards for deployed Air Force members, to include single and married service members when deployed for 30 days or more. Members going on a remote tour are not eligible for this program.

The Air Force Aid Society, there to help in hard times and improve quality of life. Call, what have you got to gain?

If you, or someone you know (who is active duty, family members or recently retired from active duty) needs assistance, call the Family Support Center at 298-5109 during duty hours, the Command Post 298-5167 after duty hours or 703-0720 on weekends and after duty hours (cell phone). No problem or situation should be ruled as too large or small.

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

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47th Civil Engineer Squadron

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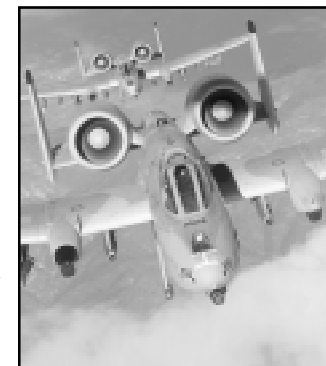
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(U.S. Air Force photo of A-10)

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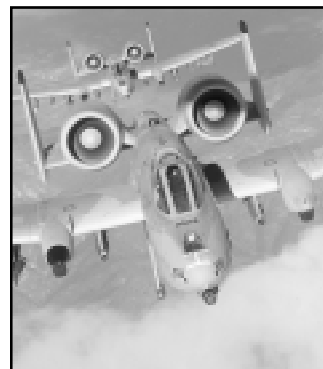
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### Conserve water

Replace washers in leaky





Construction workers place the Burger King sign at the Base Exchange main entrance in preparation for the official opening Monday.

# Serving Soon

The highly anticipated opening of Burger King in the Base Exchange complex is Monday at 6:30 a.m.

The hours of operation will be 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Breakfast hours are 6:30-10:30 a.m. Monday-Saturday.

Value menus items are as follows:

## **Breakfast Value Meals**

1. Croissan'wich \$1.99
2. Biscuit sandwich \$1.99
3. French toast sticks \$1.52 with syrup \$.99
4. Cini-mini \$1.52

Value meals 1 and 2 are served with coffee or juice and a hash brown. 3 and 4 are served with coffee or juice.

## **Lunch/Dinner Value Meals**

1. Whopper \$3.29
2. Double Whopper \$3.99
3. Whopper Jr. \$2.69

4. Big King \$2.99
  5. BK Broiler \$3.99
  6. BK Big Fish \$3.49
  7. Chicken club \$4.59
  8. Chicken tenders \$4.19
  9. Texas Double Whopper w/jalapenos \$4.59
- Lunch/Dinner value meals are served with a soft drink and french fries.

## **\$.99 Great Taste Menu**

- Rodeo cheeseburger
- Mozzarella sticks
- Chick'n crisp sandwich
- Side salad
- Jalapeno Poppers
- Small shake
- Apple pie or Hershey's Sundae Pie

For questions or concerns, contact Genise Sudduth, Burger King manager, at 298-3001.

*Photos by Staff Sgt. Reginal Woodruff*

Renee West, foreman, cooks french fries during one of several training sessions this week. Employees learned to prepare menu items right and fast.



Carolyn Irving, foreman, familiarizes herself with the cash register.



Jorge Zapata practices preparing one of a variety of burgers that will be sold, including the Texas Double Whopper.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

## Rain, sleet or shine!

Frank Vasquez (left), and Danny Salas, employees of Base Information Transfer Center, brave the rain and 41-degree weather to deliver mail throughout the base. The cold temperatures are expected to last through the weekend.

## Del Rio High School remembers Chris Cooper

Del Rio High School will host a blood drive and marrow registration Monday from 7:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center mobile unit in the front parking lot of the high school. The drive will be held in remembrance of Chris Cooper, a Del Rio resident who lost his battle with lymphoblastic leukemia.

July 20 marked the day Chris died. Chris, who was a senior at Del Rio High School, was to graduate with the class of 2001. Many students and friends have now joined together to form “Project Chris,” a drive to collect 800 blood donations by May 2001.

Everyone is encouraged to donate blood and register with the National Marrow Donor Program. Thousands of Hispanic Americans and other minorities await bone marrow “miracle matches,” while the need to greatly expand the donor pool intensifies.

For more information about this blood and marrow drive, call (830) 775-8398.

# Dealing with the pain:

## Woman remembers bouts of domestic violence

By Staff Sgt. Jim Moser

4th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

**Editor's Note: The following story is a real account of a victim of domestic violence. Her name has been changed to protect her identity.**

"I was alone and ashamed. Every time people looked at me I just knew they saw through me – right to the guilt and shame I harbored inside. When they passed, comments would echo in my head. 'How can she let that happen to her? Why doesn't she leave him? What is wrong with her?' I was a shadow."

Cassandra is one of the estimated 15 million women, according to the U.S. surgeon general's office, who are victims of domestic violence. Like most cases of abuse, Cassandra's story didn't have a violent start.

"We were happily married and I was very much in love," she said. "Even when the abuse started, I just thought he was being mean."

But soon the situation escalated.

"After the first physical encounter, I was scared and confused," Cassandra commented. "How far would he go next time? I spent the rest of the relationship walking on 'egg shells,' trying to read his moods and figure out how to make him happy. After all, isn't that what a wife is supposed to do?"

Cassandra was now in a dangerous emotional trap. Feelings of guilt, failure and, most of all, love were clouding her judgement.

"Even when he hit or threatened me, I wouldn't get mad at him. I would get mad at myself," she said. "I got angry with myself because I was obviously not a good wife. In my mind, he was doing these things because I deserved them. It was my fault."

"I loved him. I knew he would change. He would apologize for the things he had said and done. I just needed to be a better wife."

Fortunately for Cassandra, she was able to get help and leave the relationship before any permanent physical damage was done.

Cassandra said the fear of reaching out and getting help was one of the things that kept her in the relationship longer than she should've been.

"I thought about leaving but felt I had nowhere to go," she said. "I didn't want to go to my family. I didn't want my mom to be disappointed in me. On top of that, I was so confused I thought my family might side with him. My husband had such a control on my social life that I really had no friends to turn to. I was all alone."

While physical signs of abuse heal and fade away, the emotional damage can linger for a lifetime.

"When I was younger, I was extremely outgoing and confident. I am nothing like that now. That part of me was taken away. Someday I would like to have a normal

life but I don't know if I will. I fell in love, and I was betrayed. I am much more cautious when approaching any sort of relationship. I don't know what to look for in people anymore, and I don't know if I ever will."

According to Cassandra, it is extremely important to seek professional counseling.

"Since I started counseling, I have started to feel better about myself. I have come to the understanding I can't correct the past, but I can learn from it. You can't hold all the feelings inside. They'll just destroy you."

"At first, it was not easy to talk about any of it so I would pick easy things that weren't too painful. But as I kept seeing my counselor, I realized I didn't deserve the things my husband did to me. I even began to pity him and the way he is."

Cassandra offers encouragement to others in a similar position who may be considering searching for help.

"It is hard to tell someone not to be afraid to get help when I was too afraid to get help for myself," she said. "It took me a long time to get past the embarrassment and humiliation. You can't worry about what other people will think or say. It's not your fault. You do not control other people's feelings, only they do. The

only thing I did wrong was stay."

People who feel they are being abused or threatened in any way can call their base's family advocacy office or the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 for help.

(Courtesy AETCNS)

## AETC program offers vacation rewards

Designated drivers on AETC bases can win airline tickets this holiday season in the AETC Holiday Designated Driver Program.

AETC Services and Trans World Airlines are co-sponsoring the program designed to promote safe driving for airmen throughout the command.

Customers who identify themselves as designated drivers while visiting AETC services facilities that serve alcoholic beverages can enter the contest. The winner receives a TWA ticket voucher good for two round-trip airline tickets to any city in the continental United States normally served by the airline.

"TWA agreed early-on to sponsor this very worthwhile program," said John Franklin, AETC Services commercial sponsorship manager. Franklin predicts several hundred people will register as designated drivers during the eligibility period of Nov. 22 to Jan. 1. "This is an excellent example of support for morale and welfare programs and TWA's expression of support to AETC personnel."

Designated drivers can ask for an entry form and enter the drawing once per visit, said Steve Cowan of AETC Services. "A person visiting services facilities several times during the holidays can enter the contest several times," Cowan added.

Designated drivers must be a minimum of 18 years old to enter the AETC Holiday Designated Driver Program contest. The base-level drawing is Jan. 3, and an AETC drawing will be held Jan. 6 to determine the contest winner.

Franklin emphasized the program would not have been possible without the support of TWA. "Designated drivers make the holiday season safer for all of us," said Franklin. "TWA helped make our command's program stronger."

(Courtesy AETCNS)

# Life Skills Clinic offers tips to beat... Holiday blues

By Paul Buckingham  
Life Skills Clinic

“The Holidays” are upon us, and we may have mixed feelings about this period between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day. If we try to recreate “perfect” memories for ourselves of Christmas time as a child, we are likely to fail. A childhood memory is just that, a gussied-up imperfect recollection of childhood. It is never the same as seeing things through a kid’s eyes. Trying to provide a child or your children with good memories can be as simple as stringing popcorn or decorating cookies together, or reading stories with them.

It is normal to feel some emotional distress during the holidays. Major upheavals in routines, the pressure to purchase and “recognize” the holidays with outward displays of holiday cheer can definitely add to the stress load. Another component to these seasonal adjustments may be your feelings of renewed grief or the loss of someone dear.

Those attempting to overcome a loss usually benefit from routines. The suggestion here is to make some plan to spend time with others. Perhaps through volunteering at a church or a nursing home, or baking something to share with police, fire or emergency workers who work on

Christmas. Make a conscious decision about attending only those activities with which you are comfortable. You may choose to attend a short while and then leave. This way you retain control over the situation, rather than the reverse.

For others feeling emotional distress, don’t be afraid to create new traditions... Doing something you enjoy can begin new ones and help ease the transition to being in a new place with different people. And that is a good idea generally; making plans to spend some time with someone. Being with others can help ease the temporary blue period over the holidays, even though you don’t have to spend all the time with others.

The other type of blues, much longer in duration, is a seasonal type of depression and must be recognized as such. If you are finding yourself “blue” over an extended period of time during this wintry season, you might want to check out a book

on this topic. Available at the Val Verde County Library is The Hibernation Response by Peter Whybrow, M.D., which details several solutions for those who feel deprived of the longer days and real warmth of spring and summer.

For aid or in coping with holidays or winter season blues, contact the Life Skills Clinic, the base chapel, or your first sergeant or commander.

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Tudor

John L. Levitow examines the cockpit of the C-17 named for him, the Spirit of John L. Levitow, Jan. 23, 1998 in Long Beach, Calif.

## Medal of Honor recipient Levitow dies

Air Force Sergeant John L. Levitow, one of only 16 airmen awarded the Medal of Honor for exceptional heroism during wartime died Wednesday at his home in Connecticut after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was 55.

Levitow, the lowest ranking airman to earn the medal, received the honor as a result of an incident on Feb. 24, 1969. At that time, the airman first class served as loadmaster aboard a severely damaged AC-47 gunship flying a mission over Long Binh, South Vietnam.

Suffering from more than 40 shrapnel wounds in his back and legs caused by a mortar blast, he saw a smoking magnesium flare amid a jumble of spilled ammunition canisters. Despite loss of blood and par-

tial loss of feeling in his right leg, the 23-year-old threw himself on the flare, hugged it close, dragged himself toward an open cargo door and hurled the flare out. Almost simultaneously, the flare ignited harmlessly outside the door and away from the munitions.

President Richard M. Nixon presented the Medal of Honor to Levitow on Armed Forces Day, May 14, 1970, at the White House.

After Levitow left the Air Force, he worked in the field of veteran’s affairs for more than 22 years. His most recent work was for Connecticut developing and designing veteran programs.

Further details and funeral arrangements for a military burial at Arlington National Cemetery are pending.

(Courtesy of AFNEWS)

Laughlin's NFL: Gridiron Gurus							Week 11		
PLAYERS	Bruce Bond	Diane Bond	Eric Gonzales	Michael Houston	David Isbell	Lavelle Jenkins	Eric Linneman	Amanda Stewart	Chad Workman
LAST WEEK SCORE	10	9	8	9	5	8	8	6	5
OVERALL SCORE	71	65	60	63	54	61	69	59	54
ARIZONA@MINNESOTA	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN
ATLANTA@DETROIT	DET	DET	DET	DET	DET	DET	DET	DET	ATL
BALTIMORE@TENNESSEE	TEN	TEN	TEN	BAL	TEN	TEN	TEN	TEN	TEN
SEATTLE@JACKSONVILLE	JAX	JAX	JAX	SEA	JAX	JAX	JAX	SEA	JAX
CHICAGO@BUFFALO	BUF	BUF	BUF	CHI	BUF	BUF	BUF	CHI	CHI
CINCINNATI@DALLAS	DAL	DAL	DAL	DAL	DAL	DAL	DAL	CIN	DAL
NEW ENGLAND@CLEVELAND	N.E.	N.E.	CLE	N.E.	CLE	N.E.	N.E.	N.E.	N.E.
NEW ORLEANS@CAROLINA	N.O.	N.O.	CAR	CAR	CAR	CAR	N.O.	CAR	CAR
PHILADELPHIA@PITTSBURGH	PHI	PHI	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT
MIAMI@SAN DIEGO	MIA	MIA	S.D.	MIA	S.D.	MIA	MIA	MIA	S.D.
KANSAS CITY@SAN FRANCISCO	K.C.	K.C.	S.F.	K.C.	S.F.	K.C.	K.C.	K.C.	K.C.
GREEN BAY@TAMPA BAY	T.B.	T.B.	T.B.	T.B.	T.B.	T.B.	T.B.	T.B.	T.B.
ST. LOUIS@NEW YORK GIANTS	STL	NYG	NYG	NYG	NYG	STL	NYG	NYG	STL
NEW YORK JETS@INDIANAPOLIS	IND	NYJ	IND	IND	IND	IND	NYJ	NYJ	IND
OAKLAND@DENVER	OAK	OAK	DEN	OAK	OAK	OAK	OAK	DEN	OAK

# Young, base family members represent Laughlin as Jets

By Capt. Angela O’Connell  
Public Affairs Officer

Just one year ago, Laughlin boasted its very own tackle football team, the Laughlin Jets. Today, due to a decrease in participation, the Jets are no longer Laughlins team but the name lives on. The Jets are one of eight teams that form the Amistad Pee Wee Football League. Twenty-two players (6 base members) give their heart and soul at practice and at games. The head coach is Robert Cormier, Boarder Patrol; his assistants are Tech. Sgt Robert Van, 47th Comptroller Flight, Darryl McElvene, BPA and Tech Sgt Joseph Bellini, 47 Security Forces Squadron. The entire coaching staff is new to the league and in addition to working hard this year, they have several goals for the 2001 season. These goals include increasing participation of Laughlin dependents, bringing the team back to the base, and rebuilding a tradition that will put the Jets back on the league map. “Support from more base kids will further enhance the already strong relationship between Laughlin and the city of Del Rio,” said Coach Van. “It’s a great family atmosphere. Amistad Pee Wee football is a big thing in Del Rio.” The Amistad Pee Wee

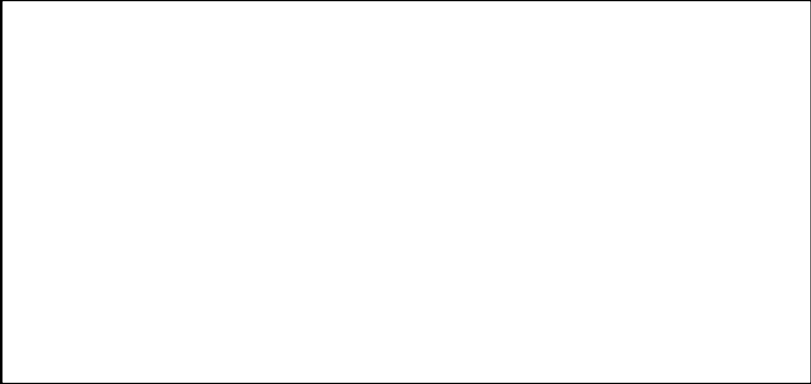
Football League is open to boys and girls ages 9-12. Children having their 13th birthday before Sept. 1 are not eligible. In addition, the maximum weight limit for this league is 150 pounds. Players are provided helmets, shoulder pads and game jerseys for a registration fee of \$35.00. Players must purchase practice pants, mouth piece and cleats at there own expense. These items can be purchased for less than \$50.00. The season is August to December and each team is guaranteed to play 10 games. The basic rules of the game are the same as high school except there are no punts and field goals are not live plays. “Tackle football gives a child an opportunity to be part of a team, a chance to challenge themselves and learn the importance of following instructions,” said Coach Van. “It also gives them a chance to play the game their heroes play on T.V.” “Football has taught me leadership,” said Jamall Van,

nose guard for the Jets. “I think it’s fun to play football, and all of my friends are on the team.” The league also has several openings for the Jets cheerleading squad. “Since we play in a downtown league, this gives them a chance to make new friends that do not live on base. With more base kids involved, we can show our Air Force spirit every Saturday. It will be a family affair,” concluded Van. Cheerleading registration is \$22 and the uniforms cost approximately \$200. You can watch the Jets play on Saturdays at Marion Russell Middle School, times vary. For more information about the Jets, their 2001 season or the Amistad Pee Wee Football League, contact Tech Sgt. Van at 298-7971 or [vanboyz3@delrio.com](mailto:vanboyz3@delrio.com); or Robert Cormier at 768-1931 or [patagnt@yahoo.com](mailto:patagnt@yahoo.com) . People interested in cheerleading should contact Dawn De La Garza at 298-7528, [delagarza1564@cs.com](mailto:delagarza1564@cs.com).



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Robert Van

Jets quarterback, Chris Luna, takes a snap from center, Shon Renteria, during a pregame warm-up prior to a Saturday morning battle with the Longhorns. The linemen (from left to right) are Thomas Martin and Luis Martinez. The Jets went on to blank the Longhorns 14-0.



## Laughlin history

**Q:** Although Laughlin was reactivated in 1952 to train pilots for Korea, only the runways and one structure stood intact. Obviously, the base could not immediately begin its mission of jet fighter-bomber training. The acquisition of gunnery ranges was one problem the base faced. Even though two air-to-ground gunnery ranges were eventually obtained, Laughlin could not acquire an air-to-air range until late in the game, restricting that phase of training to camera gunnery. How did ATC solve the problems Laughlin encountered?

- (a) Changed the mission to basic single engine training
- (b) Split the training where Laughlin conducted the first phase of fighter-bomber training and then the students proceeded to Phase II at Luke AFB
- (c) Dropped the requirement for air-to-air gunnery training

The correct answer is ... (B). Phase I familiarized rated pilots in the gunnery patterns and techniques used in Phase II. For a short time, Williams AFB helped out on a temporary basis by taking a portion of Phase I students until Laughlin's training capabilities improved. Phase I training was discontinued at Williams in March 1954.

## CFC a success

The 2000 Combined Federal Campaign was a huge success. The wing raised \$63,584.70. That's 126 percent of the goal. Please thank your unit key worker for all the time and effort spent making this a successful program. A special thanks goes out to everyone who donated.

## Tricare Dental Program

As of Nov. 17, the MPF Customer Service will no longer accept DD Forms 2494 and 2494-1 dental enrollment applications. Direct customer inquiries to the contractor for Tricare Dental Program enrollment, i.e., coverage benefits and pay deduction queries will be directed to the contractor. United Concordia Companies begins on-line dental enrollment application functions Dec. 4. However, coverage will not be effective until Feb. 1, 2001. UCCI will take over the new TDP administration, i.e., eligibility, enrollment, payroll allotment authorization, resolution and claim disputes.

If your identification card will expire anytime from now until December 2000, reissue may be required affecting enrollment/coverage.

If you think you may need or want dental insurance, come see MPF Cus-

tomers Service to sign up before the deadline.

For more information, visit [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/deers](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/deers).

## Food drive

The Company Grade Officer's Council will hold a canned and non-perishable food drive Nov. 19 at the base commissary. All food donated will go to the Bethel Center for distribution to needy families in the area during the Thanksgiving holiday.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Melissa Parent at 4357.

## Commissary opens

The Laughlin commissary will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday for the Veterans Day weekend. The commissary will be open for the Thanksgiving holiday Nov. 20 and closed Nov. 23-24.

## Single's hike

The Family Support Center is sponsoring the annual Single's Hike to Seminole Canyon (near Comstock) Wednesday.

Those wishing to go should meet at Bldg. #246, Rm. 301 no later than 7:45 a.m. The bus will depart at 7:50 a.m. Transportation and lunch will be provided. People going should bring \$5 for the park fee and interpretive hike.

To sign up, call 298-5620.

## CPR in Spanish

The American Red Cross is offering a six hour class in Spanish Nov. 18 in the Eagle Room at 1926 Bedell Ave. in Del Rio.

The class trains people to act in emergency situations and to recognize and care for life threatening emergencies such as respiratory or cardiac problems, sudden illness or injuries to infants, children or adults.

The course meets childcare licensing requirements. Those attending the course will be required to pass written quizzes and skill checks in order to receive a CPR certification card.

For more information, or to sign up for the class, call the American Red Cross office at 775-8626. The cost of the class is \$25. The class is limited to ten.

## Employee benefits

The Federal Health Benefits Open Season begins Monday and ends Dec. 11. This is your opportunity to make changes on your current health insurance policy or to change to a different health care provider. FEHB guides and plans are available at [www.opm.gov/insure](http://www.opm.gov/insure). This web site is updated daily to reflect the



Photo by David Niebergall

## Change of command

Col. George Doran, 47th Operations Group commander, passes the guidon to Lt. Col. William Hogan, new 84th Flying Training Squadron commander, during a change of command ceremony on the Laughlin flightline Monday. Hogan assumed command from Lt. Col. Kevin Keith (far right).

most current information. All transactions must be done through Benefits and Entitlements Service Team, so try not to wait until Dec. 11 to make your changes because the lines could be extremely busy. The telephone number for BEST is 1-800-997-2378.

For assistance or if you have any questions, contact Carlos Trevino at 5375.

## Air Force Aid Society

The Air Force Aid Society awarded more than \$7.5 million in education grants last year to 5,000 college students. Don't automatically think you won't qualify for this \$1,500 grant. The Society has tailored the program based on reasonable standards that fit Air Force families.

Call 5109 for more information or stop by the Family Support Center.

## Medical Group closure

The 47th Medical Group will be closed Thursday due to a mandatory training day. The Family Practice Clinic will operate morning sick call hours only. The Aerospace Medicine Clinic will operate normal morning and afternoon sick-call hours.

If you have an emergency, contact the Family Practice Clinic at 6333.

For more information concerning this training day, contact Tech Sgt. Kevin Weinand at 6410.

## Christmas party

Santa is coming! The 47th Operations Group Children's Christmas Party will be held Dec. 3 in the Operation Training

Complex. There will be children's story telling, cookie decorating, crafts and much more. The party begins at 2 p.m. with Santa's arrival. Please bring a savory or sweet finger food. All children of Laughlin base personnel, active duty and civilian, are invited.

For more information, call Kathy Doran at 298-3493 or Jann Davidson at 298-1231.

## Golf tournament

The 47th Contracting Squadron will host a Fun Golf Tournament Dec. 2 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Leaning Pine Golf Course. The format is 2-person teams, alternating shot. The cost is \$20 per person. The entry fee includes breakfast tacos, lunch and beverages. Green fees and cart not included. Gift certificates will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place. A portion of the proceeds will go to Operation Jingle.

To register, or for more information, call James Harper at 5123 or Mark Nelson at 4257. A sign up sheet is also available at the Leaning Pine Golf Course. Participants must register by Nov. 28.

## Editor's note:

In the Nov. 3 issue, the author of the OSC auction article was identified as Joline Davidson. The actual author of the article is Jann Davidson.